



URGENT ACTION

ARREST OF ELTOUM OSMAN BY RSF IN HAJAR-JAWAD, SUDAN

On 9th September 2019, Mr. Eltoum Osman was brutally arrested by RSF soldiers in Hajar-Jawad of South Kordufan State and taken to unknown place. No reason was given for his arrest and his whereabouts are still unknown. He is likely to be under torture.

Mr. Eltoum Osman, 58 years old is a farmer. Hajar-Jawad is a village in Nuba Mountains/ South Kordufan in a distance of around 15 km south Dilling town.

On 9th September 2019 towards 4:00 pm, a group of fourteen (14) armed soldiers dressed in Rapid Support Force (RSF) uniform came on two vehicles with RSF number plates to Mr. Eltoum's house in Hajar-Jawad village. They arrested him after beating him with sticks and lashes for unknown reason, then they moved towards Alkurgul town direction. There is no confirmed information about his whereabouts which raises the fear that he could be undergoing torture.

HUDO is very concerned about Mr. Eltoum's life as well as other civilians facing the same fate since RSF become the dominant force in Sudan.

HUDO calls upon;

- Sudan government to immediately disclose the whereabouts of Mr. Eltoum Osman
- Sudan government to unconditionally release or send him to courts of law.
- Sudan government to end the state of emergency which enables Sudan armed forces and its militias to carry out arrests at will.
- Sudan government to stop any kind of discriminative acts towards the citizens from conflict areas committed by security forces and militias.
- Sudan government to respect its international obligations towards their citizens.



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More information

Rapid Support Force is a militia that generated from Border Guard Force which originated from Janjaweed militia that had committed crimes in Darfur which were condemned internationally. Since the former president was overthrown in April 2019 by a peaceful civil revolution, the RSF commander Mohammed Hamdan Daglu (Hemedti) was nominated as member in Sudan Sovereign Council after the Transitional Military Council member. The RSF have taken the lead in violating civilian rights particularly in conflict areas like in the gold mines at Talodi. Nevertheless, More than twenty five (25) detainees from Nuba Mountains have been deliberately left in custody since June 2011 regardless of the recent declared release pardon-orders.